

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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INDO CHINA AGREEMENT

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any trade agreement has been signed with China during the visit of Chinese President to India recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the revenue likely to be earned by the Government from such agreement;
- (c) whether India has filed the largest number of patent violation cases against Chinese companies at the World Trade Organisation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether India has refused to recognise China as a free market economy;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- g) the steps taken by the Government to increase bilateral trade between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) During the visit of Chinese President to India in November 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding on Inspection of Export Cargo (Iron Ore) and a Protocol on Phytosanitary requirements for exporting rice from India to China have been signed. The revenue likely to be earned by the Government from the aforementioned MOU and Protocol has not been estimated.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) In pursuance to the declaration signed during the visit of Prime Minister to Beijing in June 2003, India-China Joint Study Group was set up. The final Report of the JSG was exchanged between the two sides during the visit of Chinese Premier to India in April 2005. The JSG has recommended appointment of a Joint Task Force to study in detail the feasibility of and the benefit that may derive from an India-China Regional Trading Arrangement (RTA) and to give recommendation regarding its content.